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Single Teacher Schools
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that single teacher schools are still existing in large numbers in the country and if so, the details thereof; State/UT-wise;
(b) the teacher capacity in each school in the country, State/District-wise;
(c) whether the Government has any plan for upgrading such schools and thereby improve the quality of education in such schools; and
(d) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to appoint sufficient teachers in each school across the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a): There are some Government Schools in the country which have single teachers. State-wise details of such schools are at Annexure.
(b): Issues related to teacher recruitment, service conditions and teacher deployment in government schools are in the domain of State Governments and UT Administrations. Data regarding teachers' capacity school-wise in the country is accordingly maintained by respective State/UT. However, at elementary and secondary levels, teachers' capacity in each school is available at www.schoolreportcards.in.
(c) & (d): Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), the Central Government supports State Governments and UTs for additional teachers to maintain the Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR), as per the norms of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009. A total of 19.48 lakh teacher posts have been sanctioned under SSA, out of which 15.74 lakh teacher posts have been filled up as on 31st March, 2016.
The Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) scheme provides for appointment of 1 Head Teacher and 5 Teachers for every new/upgraded secondary school on regular basis. So far 121307 teachers including headmasters have been sanctioned for government secondary schools for upgraded/new schools and additional teachers for existing government secondary schools. Out of these sanctioned teachers, 75935 teachers have been recruited by the States/UTs.
Further, the Central Government in various meetings, State Education Secretaries conference, Joint Review Missions (JRM) advises States/UTs on timely teacher recruitment and deployment of teachers.